GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:572
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COMMITTEE ON HAZARDOUS WASTE STANDARDS .
AVTAR SINGH BHADANA;GANGASANDRA SIDDAPPA BASAVARAJ

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have studied the problem of dumping the treated chemical waste and the solids left over by the industrial units;

(b) if so, the details thereof?

(c) whether the Central Pollution Control Board has formed a Committee on the Hazardous Waste Standards and the related issues; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS

(SHRI BABULAL MARANDI)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. A number of studies have been conducted regarding dumping of the treated chemical waste and solids left over by industrial units. A few site-specific studies have also been conducted by the Government to set up Common Treatment, Storage and Disposal Facilities for management of hazardous chemical wastes.
(c) & (d) Yes, Sir. An Expert Group on hazardous waste management has been constituted by the Central Pollution Control Board on 30th October, 1998. The terms of reference of the Group include recommending parameters for laboratory certification, preparing specifications for hazardous waste landfills and examining policy issues related to implementation of the Hazardous Wastes (Management and Handling) Rules, 1989. Two meetings of the Group have so far been held.Criteria for hazardous waste landfills, have been discussed.